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9	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT					
<ul><li>10</li><li>11</li></ul>	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA					
12 13 14	JOHN BURNELL, JACK POLLOCK, and all others similarly situated,	Case No.: EDCV 12-00692-VAP OPx Related Case: 5:10-CV-00809-VAP (OPx) (Assigned to the Hon. Virginia A. Phillips) <b>DECLARATION OF DAVID SPIVAK</b>				
15 16	Plaintiff(s), vs.	IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT				
17	SWIFT TRANSPORTATION CO.					
18	OF ARIZONA, LLC,	Date: December 2, 2019				
19 20	Defendant(s).	Time: 2:00 p.m. Room: 8A				
21		Complaint Filed: March 22, 2010 Trial Date: None Set				
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### **DECLARATION OF DAVID SPIVAK**

#### I, DAVID SPIVAK, declare as follows:

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- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of California and the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and am an attorney of record for Plaintiff John Burnell ("Burnell") in this action against defendant Swift Transportation Co. of Arizona, LLC ("Defendant").
- 2. Except as otherwise indicated, I have personal knowledge of all matters set forth herein and, if called as a witness, could and would competently testify thereto under oath.

#### Procedural Background

- 3. In or about June of 2009, my firm along with the Law Office of Shaun Setareh, P.C. and the Law Office of Louis Benowitz retained Burnell for his individual and putative class claims against Defendant.
- 4. In or about March of 2010, my firm filed the complaint on behalf of Burnell in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, before Defendant subsequently removed the lawsuit to this Court.
- 5. In or about October of 2010, my firm along with the Law Office of Shaun Setareh, P.C. and the Law Office of Louis Benowitz retained Jack Pollock ("Pollock") for his individual and putative class claims against Defendant and the parties agreed to file a First Amended Complaint adding Pollock as an additional plaintiff.
- 6. On August 16, 2012, Burnell and Pollock filed a Notice of Association of Counsel to associate the law offices of Marlin & Saltzman as counsel of record (ECF Docket No. 48).
- 7. In or about July of 2013 and by stipulation of the parties, the Court withdrew Pollock as a named plaintiff due to his unavailability to continue in the role of a representative plaintiff (ECF Docket No. 105). However, Pollock remains a putative class member.



#### Background of Counsel

- 8. In 1991, I earned a Bachelor of the Arts degree with a major in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1995, I earned a Juris Doctor degree from Southwestern University School of Law.
- 9. In December of 1995, Supreme Court for the State of California admitted me as an Attorney and Counselor at Law and licensed me to practice law in all the Courts of this State. On May 11, 2012, I became admitted to the District of Columbia Bar. On February 21, 2013, I became admitted to the New York bar.
- 10. I am experienced in handling employment law matters and specifically wage and hour cases. I have been practicing law since 1995. My experience has been almost exclusively in the area of employment law representing employees with claims of wrongful termination, harassment, whistleblower retaliation, discrimination, wage and hour, and family and medical leave violations. I have tried many cases before California and federal courts, government agencies and neutral arbitrators. I am a member of the California Employment Lawyers Association (CELA).
- 11. Since I started practicing law, I have tried many cases before courts, arbitrators and government agencies. Some of my cases are:
- A. Ricardo Sandoval v. Dept. of Treasury, United States District Court, Southern District of California (the Honorable Judith Keep presiding), 1998. Plaintiffs Special Agent for the U. S. Customs Service alleged discrimination and retaliation in promotions and discipline. The jury awarded compensatory damages. Court subsequently awarded additional back pay and gave Plaintiffs a retroactive promotion. See "Lawsuit Puts Customs Service on Trial: Agent Alleges Corruption, White Supremacist Cabal" by Valerie Alvord, San Diego Union-Tribune, April 29, 1998; "Customs Agent Is Awarded \$200,000: Jury Says He Faced Bias And Retaliation" by Valerie Alvord, San Diego Union-Tribune, May 16, 1998.

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B. Jorge Guzman v. Department of Justice, United States District Court, Central District of California (the Honorable Lourdes Baird presiding), 1999. Plaintiffs Special Agent for the Immigration and Naturalization Service alleged racial discrimination, retaliation and police brutality by agents of the Office of the Inspector General. Jury found the Defendants liable. Case settled shortly before the damages phase. See "U.S. to Pay \$400,000 to INS Agent in Bias Suit; Courts: Complaint says he suffered 10 years of harassment on the job because he is Latino, including falsified charges" by Patrick J. McDonnell, Los Angeles Times, January 21, 1999.

C. Dr. Perry Crouch v. SHIELDS, Los Angeles Superior Court, Compton (the Honorable Michael Rutberg presiding), 2001. Plaintiff whistleblower brought civil rights claims and wrongful termination claims against employer in a month-long jury trial. The jury awarded compensatory and punitive damages. See "Activist Says Criticism of Rail Plan Cost His Job" by Dan Weikel, Los Angeles Times, September 28, 2000; "Punitive Damages Awarded to Fired Social Worker" by Dan Weikel, Los Angeles Times, June 10, 2000; "A Whistleblower's Revenge" by Susan Goldsmith, New Times Los Angeles, June 8, 2000.

D. *Imagraph, Inc.* (Steve Shiffman) v. Mohamed T. Nehmeh, Orange County Superior Court, Central Justice Center (the Honorable Kirk H. Nakamura presiding), 2004. Plaintiffs, who I represented *pro bono* sought the return of \$45,000.00 he paid to an attorney escrow officer who subsequently absconded with the money. The jury awarded compensatory damages. The Judgment with interest is now far in excess of that amount. Soon after this case was litigated, the State Bar of California awarded me the Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services.

E. *Rick Pierce v. Department of Treasury*, Merit Systems Protection Board (1999). Administrative Judge awarded compensatory damages to

wrongfully terminated Customs Agent, followed by an award of Attorneys' fees and costs.

- F. Richard Wamel v. Ocelot Engineering Co., Judicate West before the Honorable Robert Polis (ret.) (2008). In that case, I represented a victim of FMLA violations and wrongful termination against his former employer. The Neutral Arbitrator awarded compensatory and liquidated damages. The claims for damages, attorney's fees and costs were resolved shortly thereafter by means of a confidential settlement.
- G. Alina Ghrdilyan v. RJ Financial, Inc., et al., LA Superior Court case no. BC430633 (2012), the Honorable Ronald Sohigian presiding. To my knowledge, this case is the first and only case to be successfully prosecuted through trial under the Labor Code Private Attorney Generals Act of 2004, Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq. on behalf of Plaintiffs and other aggrieved employees against someone other than an employer for civil penalties including unpaid wages. The case involves claims of unpaid overtime, unprovided rest and meal periods, unpaid vacation, untimely interval and final wages, and unreimbursed expenses. For my work in that case, the Court awarded me an hourly rate of \$600.00 hour based on my skill and experience.
- 12. Since 2007, I have prosecuted several traditional wage & hour class actions as the sole or primary attorney for plaintiffs, including *Pudelwitts v. Regent Parking, Inc., Singery v. Quality Vessel Engineering, Tesillo v. LA Executive Towing Service, Inc.*, and *Madison v. The Limousine Connection*. One such case is *Jose Tapia v. Mangen Group, Inc.*, LASC case no. BC377114, a garden-variety wage & hour class action with many of the same claims at issue in this case. The Honorable Jane Johnson of the Los Angeles Superior Court, presiding over the motion for final approval of the settlement class action settlement in *Tapia v. Mangen*, had no quarrel with an hourly rate of \$525.00 for my services.
  - 13. In my representation of employees, I have prosecuted several lawsuits

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on behalf of employees with claims of rest and meal period and overtime violations or other wage claims

- 14. I have been involved in the prosecution of numerous wage and hour class actions at various stages of litigation. A small sampling of the wage and hour class action cases in which I have been counsel of record is as follows:
- Alafa v. Custom Built Personal Training, Inc., Tulare County Α. Superior Court, Case No. VCU-245496 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval class action settlement on behalf of assistant fitness manager employees).
- Cuellar v. Lovin Oven, Orange County Superior Court, Case В. No. 30-2010-000382146 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement by the court on behalf of nonexempt employees).
- C. Cunningham v. DPI Specialty Foods West, Inc., Los Angeles Sup.Ct., Case No. BC465017 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of merchandiser employees).
- Deckard v. MSL Community Management LLC, Riverside D. County Superior Court, Case No. RIC1204182 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of caregivers and medical technicians).
- DiCato v. Francesca's Collections, Inc., San Diego County E. Superior Court, Case No. 37-2012-00094401-CU-OE-CTL (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of boutique manager and assistant manager employees).
- Evans v. Equinox, et al., Los Angeles Sup.Ct., Case No. F. BC440058 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of personal trainer employees).
- Fischer v. National Distribution Centers, Riverside County G. Superior Court, Case No. RIC1114952 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of hourly warehouse employees).

- H. *Hidalgo, et al. v. Sun Hill*, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC480808 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of hourly employees).
- I. Huynh v. Carefusion Resources, LLC, et al, San Diego Sup.Ct., Case No. 37-2009-00103277-CU-OE-CTL (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of medical devices employees).
- J. Linder, et al. v. Warehouse Services, Inc., San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. CIVDS1500146 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of non-exempt hourly employees excluding truck drivers).
- K. *La Fleur v. Medical Management International, Inc.*, United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. EDCV13-00398-VAP (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of practice managers).
- L. *Lynch, et al. v. American Guard Services*, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC462681 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of security guard employees).
- M. *Martin, et al. v. Aukeman Dairy, et al.,* Kern Superior Court, Case No. S-1500-CV-282679 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of dairy and agricultural laborers).
- N. *Montes v. Branam Enterprises, Inc.*, Los Angeles Sup.Ct. Case No. BC442608 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of call concert rigging employees).
- O. *Nardone v. Sequoia Beverage Company, LP*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU-248370 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement by the court on behalf of hourly employees).
- P. Ogbuehi v. Comcast of California/Colorado/Florida/Oregon, Inc., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No.

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Q. *Rosen v. Image Transfer*, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC511072 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of bobtail truck drivers).

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R. *Sandoval v. Rite Aid Corp.*, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC431249 (granted class certification through contested motion and appointed Class Counsel in case on behalf of former pharmacy employees based on late final

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wage payments in violation of Labor Code §§ 201–203).

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S. Celeste Shaw and Dejan Nagl v. Interthinx, Inc., United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Case No. 13-CV-01229-REB-BNB

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(appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement by

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the court on behalf of auditor employees).

T. Stucker v. L'Oreal, Los Angeles Sup.Ct. Case No. BC456080

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(appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement involving alleged misclassification of sales employees and unpaid vacation pay).

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U. *Valdez v. Healthcare Services Group, Inc.*, Los Angeles Sup.Ct., Case No. BC462917 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of service account manager employees).

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V. Valencia v. SCIS Air Security Corp., Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC421485 (granted class certification through contested motion and appointed Class Counsel in case on behalf of former security workers based on

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late final wage payments in violation of Labor Code §§ 201–203).

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W. *Vang v. Burlington Coat Factory Corporation*, United States District Court Central District of California, Case No. 09-CV-08061-CAS-JCx (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement by the court on behalf of assistant store manager employees).



X. Volney-Parris v. Southern California Edison Company, Los

Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC493038 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of customer specialist employees).

Y. Wade and Gammel, et al. v. Defender Security Company, Central District of California, Case No. 2:15-cv-7142 CAS-JC (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval class action settlement on behalf of security technicians).

Z. White v. 20/20 Communications, Inc., San Bernardino County Superior Court, Case No. CIVRS1301718 (appointed Class Counsel and granted final approval of class action settlement on behalf of sales associates).

#### Fees & Costs

15. In this case, my firm currently has a total lodestar of approximately \$40,625.83. A general summary showing the number of hours of work performed by each attorney and paralegal of my firm is set forth below:

<u>Name</u>	Hours	Rate	Pre-Multiplier Lodestar	
David Spivak (23rd Year Attorney)	48.50	\$700	\$33,950.00	
Breck Oyama (11th Year Paralegal)	22.08	\$300	\$6,625.00	
Lizzett Cortez (7th Year Paralegal)	0.08	\$250	\$20.83	
Christopher Martinez (Former 2nd Year Legal Assistant)	0.03	\$150	\$5.00	
Jennifer Chang (Former 1st Year Legal Assistant)	0.17	\$150	\$25.00	
Totals	70.87		\$40,625.83	

If requested, I will make unredacted copies of my firm's time records available to the Court for *in camera* inspection. My firm performed work in this matter against Defendant since Burnell was retained in or about 2009. Among other things, my

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firm: (1) Conducted initial investigations and developed the theories and facts to support the Burnell and Pollock's claims as to Defendant's alleged violations; (2) Researched and drafted Burnell's initial Complaint and Burnell and Pollock's First Amended Complaint; (3) Met and conferred with Defendant in order to prepare and file the parties' initial Joint Rule 26(f) Report; (4) Prepared the Burnell's initial disclosures; (5) Prepared and Propounded the Burnell's initial formal discovery requests to Defendant; (6) Appeared on behalf of the Burnell at the initial scheduling conference before this Court; and (7) Prepared and filed status reports with this Court during the stay of the matter pending the decision in *Brinker*.

16. My firm's litigation costs to date total \$895.37. True and correct copies of the costs and expense records of my firm are collectively attached as **Exhibit 1** to this declaration with minor redactions to protect the confidentiality of sensitive, privileged information. I will make unredacted copies of such records available to the Court for in camera inspection upon its request.

I declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on Monday, November 18, 2019 at Encino, California.

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\_\_/s/ David Spivak DAVID SPIVAK Declarant



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## **INVOICE**

INVOICE NUMBER: 17 DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2019
INVOICE DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2019 PAYMENT TERMS: DUE ON RECEIPT

FROM: THE SPIVAK LAW FIRM 16530 Ventura Blvd.

Suite 312

Encino, CA 91436

TO: Burnell, John (Swift Transportation)

DATE	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
AUG-06-09	во	Copies from May and June 2009, 199 pages			\$49.75
SEP-01-09	DGS	Postage for August 2, 2009 to September 1, 2009			\$10.50
SEP-22-09	во	Photocopies from July 2009 to August 2009, 187 copies at \$.25/copy	187.00	\$0.25	\$46.75
OCT-26-09	во	Rand McNally order REDACTED for RouteTools CD program			\$69.24
DEC-09-09	во	Photocopies September 2009, pages: 45	45.00	\$0.25	\$11.25
JAN-09-10	DGS	Check # to Swift for copies of personnel file	200.00	\$0.25	\$50.00
FEB-03-10	во	Postage from September 2, 2009 to October 1, 2009			\$18.75
APR-08-10	во	Postage for March 2, 2010 to April 1, 2010			\$4.31
APR-12-10	во	Check No. Bernardino SC			\$355.00
MAY-03-10	во	Postage for April 2, 2010 to May 1, 2010			\$10.62
MAY-10-10	во	Photocopies for February to April 2010	96.00	\$0.25	\$24.00
JUN-14-10	во	Photocopies from May 2010	12.00	\$0.25	\$3.00
JUN-18-10	во	Fedex receipt from chambers copies of stip and order dismiss			\$16.83
JUN-23-10	во	Intelius receipt #REDACTED re people search report REDACTED addresses			\$1.95
JUN-30-10	во	Intelius reverse phone lookup REDACTED, receipt			\$4.99
JUL-02-10	во	Postage for June 2, 2010 to July 1, 2010			\$2.20
JUL-21-10	во	Postage for May 2, 2010 to June 1, 2010			\$1.86

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AUG-05-10	во	Postage for July 2, 2010 to August 1, 2010			\$0.44
AUG-11-10	во	Fedex shipment chambers copy joint rule 26f report			\$16.45
SEP-09-10	во	Postage for August 2, 2010 to September 1, 2010			\$2.51
SEP-13-10	DGS	scheduling conference parking			\$3.00
SEP-13-10	DGS	scheduling conference mileage			\$66.70
SEP-24-10	во	Photocopies from June 2010 to August 2010	46.00	\$0.25	\$11.50
OCT-06-10	во	Fedex chambers copy re stip file 1ac			\$16.52
OCT-21-10	во	Pacer records request re case update on sanders v swift			\$0.16
OCT-27-10	ВО	Pacer records request re sanders case			\$0.32
NOV-10-10	ВО	Pacer records re sanders v swift case			\$0.48
JAN-05-11	во	Photocopies from September 2010 to October 2010	36.00	\$0.25	\$9.00
JUL-01-11	во	Fedex chambers copy			\$18.71
AUG-31-11	во	Photocopies from April through July 2011 (AUB invoices)	4.00	\$0.25	\$1.00
DEC-02-11	во	Postage for November 2, 2011 to December 1, 2011			\$0.44
JAN-23-12	во	Photocopies November 2011	4.00	\$0.25	\$1.00
APR-13-12	во	onelegal invoice #REDACTED re courtesy copies notice decision brinker			\$19.95
MAY-01-12	во	pacer download stip stay			\$1.40
SEP-17-12	во	Pacer fees re download order REDACTED			\$1.80
DEC-04-12	во	Postage from November 2, 2012 to December 1, 2012			\$0.45
FEB-13-13	во	Return orig docs to REDACTED			\$12.87
SEP-17-13	во	Photocopies August 2013	10.00	\$0.25	\$2.50
DEC-13-13	во	Fedex return orig docs burnell			\$12.77
FEB-06-14	DGS	Photocopies for December 2013	2.00	\$0.25	\$0.50
OCT-15-15	во	Pacer 9/1-10/15			\$1.90
MAR-01-16	во	Pacer downloads February 2016			\$0.30
SEP-04-18	DGS	Pacer Downloads Aug 2018			\$8.70
AUG-05-19	во	Pacer download July 2019			\$3.00
		Total hours for this invoice	0:00		
		Total amount of this invoice			\$895.37